TEXAS WHEAT BELT.

Fort Worth Destined to be the Minne apolis of the Great Southwest.

The Fine Impression Northwestern Texas Makes Upon Strangers-Texans Don't Appreciate Their State.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COL., August 31, 1889. To the Gazette.

In conversation with a gentleman who lives in Iowa and who has just returned from an extended trip through Texas, which was made with a view of finding a location. I learn that the country on the line of the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth railway is being rapidly settled with a good and well-to-do class of farmers who are making a specialty of wheat raising to which the country for at least two hundred miles north of Fort Worth is especially adapted. This gentleman whose name is W. R. Baker, informs me that the wheat crop of what is called the "wheat belt" of Northwest Texas (of which Wichita Falls is the center and principal shipping and distributing point for several of the best wheat-producing counties on and tributary to the line of the "Fort Worth" road), will average from twenty-four to twenty-six bushels to the acre this year. This, considering the fact that quite a large per cent. of the land in cultivation was sod land (its first crop), is a remarkable yield.

"Wheat brings at Wichita Falls within 2 cents of Chicago prices, '1 says Mr. Baker, 'and they will ship from Wichita Falls this season from twelve to fifteen hundred cars, besides keeping a roller mill of a 100-barrels-per-day capacity running. When it is considered that the Denver and Texas road has only been completed a little over a year and that the country through which it runs was looked upon as a part of the 'Great American desert,' so-called, the progress made is the way of development and settlement of the country speaks well for the country and the management of the 'Panhandle Route.

"Fort Worth is destined to be Minneapolis of the Southwest," remarked Mr. Baker. "That city has the famous Wichita Falls and Red river valley country to draw | been offered \$1.25 for theirs, the Chocfrom as well as a good portion of the Panhandle country. '

"I learn," said Mr. Baker, "that | sell. Denver capitalists are now largely interested in Fort Worth and other points | 000 of this net proceeds money on the line of the Denver and Texas road. has already been gobbled up by a ring of In this they show good judgment, at least this is my opinion, for with deep water | has only whetted their appetites and they | on the Texas coast and the country lying between Colorado and the gulf settled with farmers, which it is bound to be and that in the near future, property in that section will increase in value rapidly. 32

"Have you decided to become a Texan?'' was asked of Mr. Baker. "Yes, sir: I have selected and paid for a tract of 320 acres of fine valley land in Wichita county, for which I paid \$7 per. acre, and I am now on my way home and will arrange to move my family to their new home in a few weeks. 17

"So you see," said Mr. Baker, "I not only talk Texas, but believe in it, and I am sure I will be able to induce a great many of my friends to follow me to Wichita county. I am well pleased with Northwest Texas and the people, and have found the officials of the road accommodating, liberal and progressive. The farmers on the line had a good word to say for the road, as they are given fair rates to ship their products to market, both south and north. Much of the vegetables and fruits I learned were shipped to Colorado points. With the settlement of Northwest Texas and the Panhandle country early fruits and vegetables should and no doubt will be placed within reach of the working people of Denver and other Colorado cities."

Mr. Baker informs me that the large pastures are being cut up in small tracts of from one hundred and sixty to three hundred and twenty acres and sold to actual settlers | ments made. The prisoners, four in at from three dollars to eight dollars per acre and on easy terms. "While at Wichita Falls," said- Mr.

Baker "there was a tract of 16,000 acres disposed of to Kansas City and New York capitalists who will place it on the market. This tract of land is but one of many similar that has been lately cut up and placed within the reach of farmers of moderate means. Land at an average of \$6 per acre that will yield from twenty-four to thirty of wheat per acre, which will sell at from seventy-five to ninety cents per bushel, in a good healthy and well watered country, as well as producing all other kinds of grain, fruit, vegetables, etc., naturally makes that section of country very attractive to the home seeker, "1 continued the man from Iowa, "and I only regret that I did not investigate Texas sooner. Like many of my neighbors, I have had a feeling of prejudice against Te as and Texans, but it was from want of knowledge of the state. I found Texas to be the reverse of what I expected, and no man can see the state and not be favorably impressed. 13

Mr. Baker is but one of many that I have met since I have been here who have about this county attracting the attenbeen to Texas and became converted and been to Texas and became converted and captured by the advantages Texas offers that it is the anest fruit county in the to the actual settler, and being a Texan myself and one who desires to see our state settled and developed and knowing that all that is necessary to section of country out of the state, while it can not be surpassed to corn, cotton, oats and all knowing that all that is necessary to section of country out of the state, while it can not be surpassed to corn, cotton, oats and all kinds of regetables. cure the people and the capital desired is to make known our resources and natural advantages. I concluded to give the readers of The Gazette, especially those manufacturers, Dr. S. G. B. Siegert & Sons. of Texas, the impression our state makes on strangers with the hope that they might be induced to make greater efforts to advertise the state as it should be. No man can realize the importance of advertising Texas until he goes away from home and hears the general impression or opinion people have of Texas. Here is a fair sample of what steads in Greer county; 1000 families to one will hear when Texas is mentioned in | settle in Oklaunion, Tex. For particuthe old states. I have just reached this Tars address (with stamp) Emigrant point on my way home, after taking an | News and Guide, Oklaunion, Willbarger extended trip through the middle and

northwestern states. "You ask why not go to Texas instead of Kansas? If I wanted to raise h-1 and long horns I might consider Texas. I want to raise grain and educate my children and live in a civilized country. ' You inform the home-seeker that Texas is a farming country and that farming is

the principal industry of the state. He replies: "Yes, I have heard that they do raise a little grain down there by irrigation, but that isn't

in my line. Now, Mr. Editor, if Texas were advertised as it should be and as other states' are, this would not be the case. Those of us who are anxious to have our state known as it is, and not as it was twenty years ago, should, as you say, "get together' and go to work. If the railroads of Texas and the people could in canvass Picture taken down for reany way combine together and both work | moval September 8.

and pull for Texas, they could with our advantages start tens of thousands of good people for Texas. While I live in the piney woods of East Texas, I take and feel an interest in the whole state, and know that the settlement of North and West Texas will benefit East Texas. Population is what is wanted. Land without people to cultivate it brings in no revenue. The state of Texas would profit by giving to actual settlers 160 acres each instead of selling them 640 at \$2 an acre. If the government policy were adopted in Texas, in less than five years Texas would be the empire state sure enough, not only in extent but in population and wealth. 'We would then be fed on "chicken pie" by "Uncle Sam'' instead of ''shadow soup, '' as is

and has been the case. If a man is not a confirmed "Fossil or "Mossback" he will see these things as I have if he will take a trip to the Northwest states, Nebraska, Kansas, etc. I tell you, Mr. GAZETTE, we Texans get very "rusty" by staying at home. To appreciate our state and to know what we could do if we would we have to take a trip once in a while among the "snow diggers." Yours,

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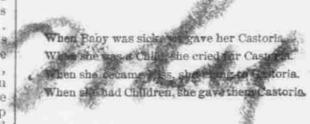
NET PROCEEDS MONEY.

How It is Gobbled Up by a Ring of White and Indian Sharks. Correspondence of the Gazette.

ATOKA, I. T. Aug. 31 .- The commission to pay out the net proceeds money is again at this place. The payment at Yellow Springs, in Red River county, broke up in a hurry. The people are greatly demoralized by this payment, and none more so than the managers themselves. The payment of nearly two million dollars to individuals and families thus seattered over the country has caused the people to neglect almost everything else. The season has been fine for all kinds of crops, but there will not be half a crop of anything.

Another source of excitement is the prospective sale of the "leased district" west of the ninety-sixth degree west longitude. There are now 7,000,000 acres in that district. Ever since the war the Choctaws and Chickasaws have regarded it as good as gone forever, but since the Muskogees and Seminoles have sold their lands and the Cherokees have taws and Chickasaws are getting in high spirits that they too may be enabled to

A large portion of the 2,000,white and Indian sharks. Their success are laying plans to make another big haul upon the United States treasury through the sale of these western lands Your correspondent was speaking with a prominent Choctaw citizen the other day about this net proceeds payment. He remarked that the robberies connected with it were the most barefaced he ever witnessed. It is true. The poor full bloods are unmercifully fleeced. It would have been far better if the United States had paid these moneys to the claimants. The dissatisfaction is growing large and some ugly consequences to these robberies are likely to result.



MONTAGUE.

A Good School Assured-Crops in Fine Condition-Prospectors Abroad. Correspondence of the Gazette.

MONTAGUE, TEX., Sept. 1.—The commissioners' court is having new cells put | the killing, while the boy has been out in the jail and other needed improvenumber, are being guarded by the sheriff | Correspondence of the Gazette. while the work is done.

Our new school building is completed, and school will commence next Monday. The school board has employed Professor J. H. Vaugh as principal, and Professors C. M. Crowell, G. W. Alcorn and Mrs. C. H. Adams, as assistants. With such a corps of teachers and the splendid school building that has been erected, in connection with the healthiest town in the state, there is no reason why Montague will not have the best school in North

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Real estate is looking up. There have been several large deals made in land in this county in the past week. A great many parties from the black land district have been prospecting in this county and are pleased with the fine crops, and say that as soon as they can sell out they will invest here. There is no exestion

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BELTON, TEX., Sept. 2 .- The iron safe at the Missouri, Kansas and Texas depot at this place was opened by some burglar last night and about five hundred dollars abstracted. The agent left the depot last night at midnight, and the burglary was committed between that time and daylight. The safe was opened by some one who understood or learned the combination. The remains of burned matches were found on the floor. There is no clew as yet to the rascal. Rain is badly needed here.

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A MURDER TRIAL.

A Father Convicted of Manslaughter and a Son Acquitted-

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on bond. Married Under Difficulties.

DELEON, TEX., Sept. 1.-J. A. Nelson, a DeLeon merchant forty years old, and Miss Effic Klutz, a farmer's daughter ROADS IN OPERATION fifteen years of age, were married last Thursday. Nelson got the father's consent and obtained a license. Later the father changed his mind. Nelson obtained a writ stating that the girl was worth \$500 to him and that she was detained against her will. The writ was served, the girl was brought to town and the knot was soon tied.

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for assistant teachers, and by this mode of financiering we have contracted for a solid ten months free school for the schoolage. Thedyspenii Jefferson News, Special to the Gazette. JEFFERSON, TEX., Sept. 2 .- Justice court has been in session all day to-di in the examining trial of J. E. Bovk

Jefferson was greeted with another good rain this afternoon. Work was began to-day on the Texas and Pacific switch leading to the iron furnace and foundry, and will be pushed to completion.

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